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defined, developed
and led by youth.

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Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

I am writing to voice my support for the transaction between Comcast and Time Warner Cable. As the Executive Director of Alternatives, Inc. in Chicago, our agency has consistently benefited by our partnership with Comcast Corporation. I believe that the Federal Communications Commission's approval would create a greater opportunity for the teens and young adults across the country like – similar to the impact Comcast has afforded Chicago's youth.

Alternatives, Inc. was established in 1971 with the mission to provide at "alternative" programs for at-risk youth so that they would focus their energy into constructive extra-curricular activities while building skills that support their future. As a corporate partner, Comcast has not only embraced our mission but engaged in supporting our work to accomplish our mission. Comcast's involvement with the Digital Connectors program emphasizes the importance of leadership and well-established technical skills. Comcast has been an exemplary corporate representative who engages with the community while building workforce skills.

The Comcast Digital Connections program offers a very broad curriculum to train youth in Internet and computer skills. At the same time the youth are learning technical skills, they are engaged with community service learning projects. Comcast's Digital Connections initiative has been enormously successful with our agency, the youth and the community, and I am confident it will continue as it expands into Time Warner Cable markets.

In addition to its impact on Alternatives' participants in community engagement, Comcast has influenced the environment in which our students learn at home. Internet Essentials – a Comcast broadband adoption initiative for low-income families – has been a great resource for some of our participants to gain access to the Internet and continue their technology education at home. This initiative created an inside and out of the classroom option which made it a great addition to

the Digital Connectors program and goal to reduce the digital literacy gap. To my knowledge, around 33,000 families are enrolled in Chicago's Internet Essentials program which is a significant achievement.

Comcast's investment and commitment to Alternatives, Inc. as a partner and educator has been at a depth that is important for our agency's growth and young people's development. With the addition of Time Warner Cable, these efforts will continue to improve and grow - benefitting similar organizations, youth and communities. I encourage you to approve this transaction.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director
Alternatives, Inc.